

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT
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7. (Amended) The process as claimed in claim 1 or 2, wherein the diluting gas is at least one selected from the group consisting of nitrogen, helium, argon, hexafluoroethane and octafluoropropane.

8. (Amended) The process as claimed in claim 1 or 2, wherein the diluting gas is reused by circulation.

9. (Amended) The process as claimed in claim 1 or 2, wherein a step of treating unreacted fluorine gas is provided and in the step, unreacted fluorine gas is treated with an aqueous alkali solution and/or alumina.

11. (Amended) A nitrogen trifluoride product comprising the nitrogen trifluoride obtained by the production process described in claim 1 or 2.